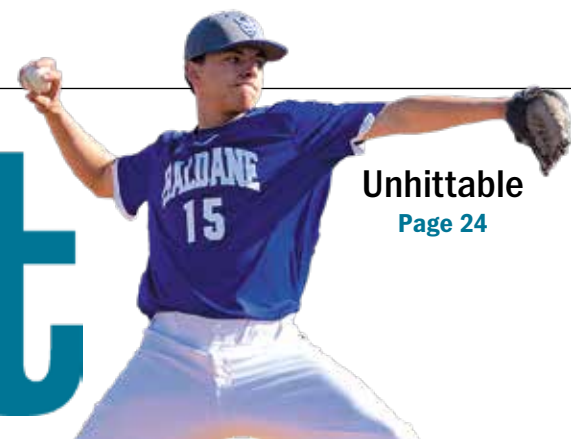


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SWEET SURPRISE — A young seeker checks for treasure during the annual Easter egg hunt at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Garrison on April 21.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Metro-North Raises Fares

Increases all Highlands tolls except weekly and monthly from Beacon

By Chip Rowe

Metro-North increased its fares on Sunday (April 21), including those for passengers on trains that stop in the Highlands on their way to and from Grand Central Station. Another hike is expected in 2021.

The increase was approved on Feb. 27 by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board by a 12-2 vote. Neal Zuckerman, a Garrison resident who represents Putnam County on the board, voted "yes" but expressed concern for Hudson Line riders, noting they are among Metro-North's best customers in terms of what they pay. (The representatives for Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland counties have one collective vote on the board, but the Dutchess and Rockland seats are vacant.)

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Does Cold Spring Need Another Traffic Light?

Plus, tire marking by police ruled unconstitutional

By Michael Turton

Rena Corey wants to see red — the bright red of a traffic signal she says is desperately needed in Cold Spring so seniors can safely cross Route 9D for postal, medical and other services offered at the Butterfield redevelopment project.

Corey, who is one of more than 60 residents of the Chestnut Ridge apartment complex across from the project, addressed the Cold Spring Village Board at its April 23 meeting, pointing out that while a light has been discussed for years, "now we have a medical center, a [county] Friendship Center and a post office" at Butterfield. "I don't dare cross 9D to get to any of those buildings; it is impossible to cross that street."

North and southbound traffic combined with vehicles entering and leaving Butterfield create "a menace" according to Corey.

"It's a dangerous situation."

The village currently has only one signal, at the intersection of Route 9D and Main Street, about three blocks north of Chestnut Ridge.

Corey said she spoke with officials from

the state Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over Route 9D, and was told that a traffic study would have to be conducted before a light could

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Rena Corey at the April 23 Village Board meeting

Photo by M. Turton

Challenge for Haldane Board Seats

Garrison has two candidates for two spots

By Chip Rowe

School district voters in Cold Spring and Garrison will go to the polls on May 21 to elect Board of Education trustees and consider proposed budgets for 2019-20.

There are three candidates for two open seats on the Haldane school board and two candidates for two seats in Garrison.

At Haldane, Jennifer Daly is seeking her third, 3-year term on the five-member board, while Laura O'Connell and Sean McNall are newcomers. Laura Hammond, who was appointed to the board in 2015 and elected to a full term in 2016, is not

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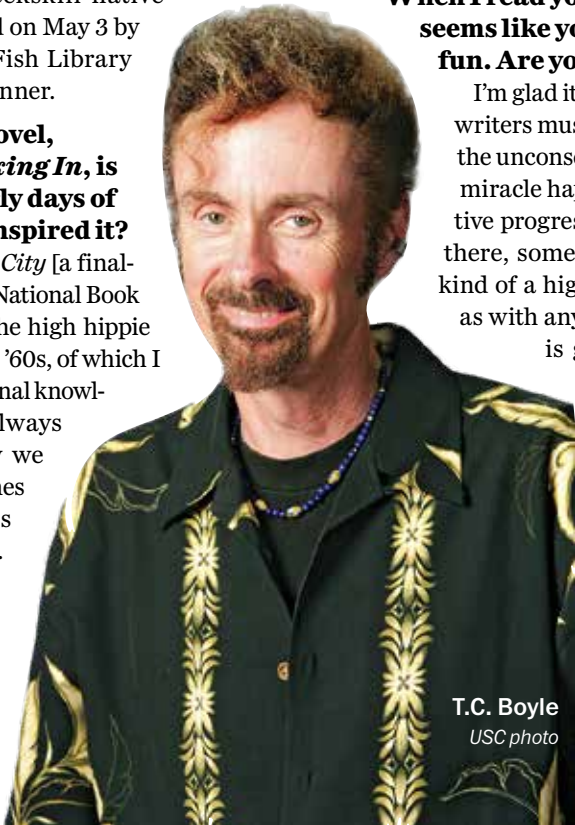
5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: T.C. BOYLE

By Brian PJ Cronin

T.C. Boyle is the author of 16 novels, including *World's End* (1987), which is set in the Hudson Valley and won the PEN/Faulkner Award for the best novel of the year, and *The Road to Wellville* (1993). The Peekskill native will be honored on May 3 by the Desmond-Fish Library at its annual dinner.

Your latest novel, *Outside Looking In*, is about the early days of LSD. What inspired it?

I wrote *Drop City* [a finalist for the 2003 National Book Award] about the high hippie times of the late '60s, of which I have some personal knowledge, and I always wondered how we got to those times from martinis and cigarettes. Meanwhile, after I finished *The Terranauts* [2016], I read all these articles about how LSD and other



T.C. Boyle
USC photo

psychedelics were being used in psychiatry again. I thought I should write a book set between 1962 and 1964 when psychologists like Timothy Leary were letting this psychoactive drug get out of the lab.

When I read your books, it seems like you are having fun. Are you?

I'm glad it appears that way. All writers must struggle to get into the unconscious place where the miracle happens and the narrative progresses. Some days I get there, some days I don't. It is a kind of a high, to create art. But, as with any drug, once the high is gone, you crash. So on the good days, I am having fun.

You've written about the influence that writing teachers had on you. Is that why you teach at USC, to repay that debt?

One hundred percent. I could

have easily gone into writing scripts and making all sorts of money, and I've been petitioned to do that since I first came to Los Angeles. But what I'm interested in is the joy of literature. It's my life. I inherited the culture, and I want to pass it on down.

There's a rumor that you used to live in the gatehouse of the Osborn Castle in Garrison. True?

Yes! It was the last house we lived in before we moved to Iowa for the Iowa Writers' Workshop. There was no longer a gate to open, just Osborn going up and down to and from the castle in his Mercedes-Benz while our raggedy dogs chased at his wheels. We had entry to all that property. Those hills around and in back of the castle, those trails, are still magical to me.

What is it like returning to Peekskill?

I come back frequently. It's my home and my heart. My closest and oldest friend still lives there in his boyhood home that we've played in since he was three-and-a-half years old. My son, serendipitously enough, now lives in Hastings. What I do is rent a car, go to Fahnestock and hike the old trails and then drive around Peekskill and Putnam Valley, muttering to myself with tears streaming down my cheeks.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What driving habits get under your skin?

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When I'm on my bike, drivers who don't signal.

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~ Mark Roland, Beacon

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Tailgating is a serious one and people do it a lot here in New York.

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~ Christina Metrailler, Beacon

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Lack of patience, disregard for pedestrians and speeding.

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J. Carlos Salcedo outside the building at 3691 Route 9 in Philipstown that county development officials hoped to transform into an international business "accelerator"

File photo by Michael Turton

Accelerator Hits the Brakes

Route 9 business incubator on hold

By Michael Turton

An "accelerator" project aimed at enticing foreign companies to invest in Putnam County seems to have hit the brakes.

In June, the Putnam County Economic Development Corp (EDC) pitched a business incubator project to a receptive Putnam County Legislature. The initiative would have divided a 10,000-square-foot building on Route 9 in Philipstown into as many as eight corporate units that shared conference and break rooms, administrative support and other services.

Foreign companies accepted into the accelerator would receive below-market rents and consulting services for about three years with the goal of eventually moving to permanent quarters, preferably in Putnam County.

The EDC asked the county Legislature to contribute \$60,000 to the project. But while County Executive MaryEllen Odell expressed support, she asked the EDC to instead look for outside funding, and no money was included in the 2019 budget for the project despite an offer of \$100,000 from an Orange County-based nonprofit, T-SEC, to help retrofit the building. T-SEC provides expertise to established manufacturers and emerging entrepreneurs.

The project was slowed further when EDC President Jill Varricchio left the organization in November. She has yet to be replaced. (EDC Chairman Richard Weiss could not be reached for comment.)

J. Carlos Salcedo, the building's owner and president of Jireh Resources, says he remains optimistic. He is winding down his business after three decades, which will make the building available. Salcedo would act as landlord and provide consulting services to the companies based on his years of experience in industry.

"It is still a valid idea," he said. "Everyone is looking to have a market in the U.S."

Salcedo said earlier this year he heard from companies in Argentina, Mexico and Poland who expressed interest, but with the exception of a Romanian distillery setting up shop in Carmel, no one is racing to locate in Putnam County.

"This side of the county has the assets such as proximity to New York City, a lower cost of living, train service and Stewart International Airport," he said, adding that foreign business people who visited his Philipstown building over the years have always remarked on its proximity to the city and the beauty of the Highlands.

"I am willing to provide the building at a very low rental rate and to volunteer to help with international businesses interested in coming here," Salcedo said. "Someone has to pick up the ball on the Putnam County side, to do more than to say it's a good idea."

NEWS BRIEFS

From Beacon to Newburgh

Ali Muhammad on ballot for mayor

Former Beacon City Council Member Ali Muhammad will be on the ballot in November as the Independence Party candidate for Newburgh mayor, but he was unable to force a June 25 Democratic primary with incumbent Torrance Harvey.

The Orange County Board of Elections last week upheld Harvey's objection to Muhammad's Democratic nominating petition, disqualifying 117 of its 341 signatures. A candidate needed 259 signatures from registered party members.

At the same time, the board rejected Harvey's objection to Muhammad's Independence Party petition, which required 18 valid signatures.

No Republicans submitted nominating petitions.

Harvey was appointed mayor last year to complete the term of Judy Kennedy, who died in April. Muhammad served on the Beacon council from 2014 to 2017 before moving to Newburgh.

State Funds Clean Energy

Budget provides \$1.4 billion

The 2019 state budget provides the New York Power Authority (NYPA) with \$1.4 billion to finance clean energy projects across the state.

The move will provide highly competitive capital to wind, hydro and solar developers but only to support power plants that serve municipalities that are members of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs.

Earlier this month the Town of Fishkill became the sixth municipality — along with Beacon, Philipstown, Cold Spring, Marbletown and Poughkeepsie — to join the Hudson Valley Energy CCA, which will negotiate electricity prices for residents and businesses in the region beginning this

year. It is only the second CCA formed in the state, after one in Westchester.

Wanted: Climate Coordinator

City looking for part-time employee

The City of Beacon is looking for a part-time employee to manage its Climate Smart Communities program. According to a job listing posted at cityofbeacon.org, the position will require 30 hours per month coordinating volunteers and looking for energy savings within municipal operations.

County officials told the City Council earlier this year that Beacon would benefit from hiring a person to manage the efforts required to be certified by the state as a Climate Smart Community, which would qualify the city for a number of grants. The application deadline is May 3.

Another Candidate for 18th

Plans to run as independent

Scott Smith, a former member of the Middletown City Council, has announced he will challenge Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney for his seat in the U.S. House in the 2020 election.

Smith, a middle-school teacher who lives in Goshen and describes himself as a "foundationalist," says he plans to run as an independent but will seek other ballot lines. He served on the Middletown council from 2009 to 2013.

Chele Farley, who was the Republican candidate last year for the U.S. Senate seat held by Kirsten Gillibrand, also has said she will challenge Maloney, a Democrat in his fourth term.

In the first three months of this year, Maloney reported to the Federal Election Commission that he had raised \$218,000 for his 2020 campaign. Smith reported raising \$100 and Farley did not file a report.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Liquor-store hours

I wrote, sponsored and voted “yes” on this year’s version of the perennial resolution in the Dutchess County Legislature to expand the hours during which retailers can sell wine and liquor, which the county executive vetoed (“How They Voted: Dutchess County,” April 19). The current law, which is the most restrictive in the state, requires that wine stores close at 7 p.m. every night except Sunday, when they can stay open until 9 p.m. Interestingly, few if any people take advantage of the later Sunday closing time.

The proposed law would extend closing hours to 9 p.m. seven nights a week and on holidays. I included language in the resolution setting out the Legislature’s intent that this not be seen as some sort of mandate requiring liquor stores to stay open later, but merely give them the opportunity.

It is, after all, a business decision, not a political one, just like a hardware store can decide to open Saturday morning. For a small cabal of hardware-store owners to get together and exert their political will on a legislature and mandate closing on Saturday mornings would amount to a minority putting its foot on the necks of anybody who wants to do things differently. For me, the resolution represented an expansion of choice, and with it, democracy.

The county executive said he vetoed the measure because sufficient notice wasn’t given for everyone in the county who might be affected to weigh in. Nevertheless, he agrees that the change is one whose time has come and has “guaranteed” several owners and patrons of local wine shops that this will become law. You have to wonder, then, what purpose more hearings will serve.

It’s also curious that during all the years that similar legislation was put forward and failed, the county executive seemed unconcerned with notification. Indeed, for the weeks between this bill’s introduction

and its passage — when he could have been using his bully pulpit to raise hue and cry — he sat mum. Did he expect it to fail again?

That would fit a pattern. The county executive bends the rules, and logic and language along with them, to bully the Legislature into submission to his autocratic impulses. When the Legislature threatens to act according to its mandate as a coequal branch of government, he undermines it. When it came time to bond for repairs to Dutchess Stadium, for instance, the county executive not only decided to forgo a public hearing, he rushed the decision through the Legislature, which agreed to suspend its usual timeframe for such decisions. Normally, such a resolution requires introduction in two legislative sessions before it is voted on.

In a representative democracy, we do not decide things by referendum. Instead, we elect people — legislators and executives — to make decisions on our behalf. It is up to those public servants to canvass their constituents and come to a decision. The remedy for a public dissatisfied with the decisions its representatives make lies at the polls. Come November, the public will have ample opportunity to make its voice heard.

Frits Zernike, *Beacon*

Zernike represents District 16 in the Dutchess County Legislature, which includes parts of Beacon and Fishkill.

Home defense

The lack of real detail in your story on the homeowner who said he scared away two intruders with his gun is regrettable and not up to the journalistic standards we have come to expect from *The Current* (“Cold Spring Resident Says He Foiled Robbery,” April 12). What is the location of the incident? Time of day? He is quoted as saying that “I don’t usually carry my gun but for some reason I did that day” to answer the front door.

Forgive me for being suspicious but something does not smell quite right about

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this story. I look forward to *The Current* providing updates, including the results of police and sheriff’s department investigations, because either we have team of violent home invaders in the area or we have someone who overreacted to unfamiliar individuals at a mistaken address. In both of these scenarios the results might have been deadly. We need fuller reporting.

Michael Bernstein, *Cold Spring*

The editor responds: The homeowner spoke on condition of remaining anonymous, including no mention of his street address. That is not an unusual request in a case such as this. The incident occurred in the afternoon. The Cold Spring Police Department and the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office say they continue to investigate.

Abortion regulations

The changes to the Title X Family Planning Program by the Trump administration are appalling (“Lawmakers Speak Out Against Abortion Regulations,” April 19). State Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson said it well: This is not about women’s health. This is about forcing the political agenda of the abortion-obsessed Republican base upon women.

Carol Webster, *via Facebook*



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Metro-North (from Page 1)

The only commuter prices that didn’t go up in the Highlands were for weekly and monthly tickets from Beacon, which remain at \$152 and \$475. The price of family-fare tickets when children travel with adults also did not increase.

The MTA says the money is needed immediately to help cover a projected \$500 million operating deficit in 2019. But Fernando Ferrer, the board’s acting chair, said in a statement that the agency needs “fundamental reform” for its long-term

health and for capital improvements.

In addition to the fare increases, the agency rolled back weekday peak pricing to exclude trains arriving at Grand Central before 6 a.m., rather than 5 a.m. On the Hudson Line, the change affected only the 4:12 a.m. train out of Poughkeepsie that arrives at Grand Central at 5:53 a.m. The end of the peak pricing period remained at 10 a.m. and afternoon peak hours continue to be from 4 to 8 p.m. for trains departing Grand Central.

The vote also eliminated the 5 percent bonus given to New York City subway riders when they add more than \$5.50 to

fare cards and, as of May 1, the \$50 Metro-Cards that can be purchased with monthly Metro-North tickets.

Although several MTA board members suggested on Feb. 27 that the vote be delayed to investigate alternatives, Ferrer noted the board had already deferred the vote at its January meeting and that delay cost the agency about \$30 million in revenue.

Zuckerman, who is a partner and managing director in the New York office of the Boston Consulting Group, said in an email that he “begrudgingly” voted for the fare increase and gave these reasons:

- (1) “The increase was predictable, part of a 10-year agreement to do biannual increases”;
- (2) “It is modest, at or below inflation, with this one a maximum of 3.85 percent (or less than 2 percent per year), whereas inflation is around 2 percent per year”;
- (3) “Those of us who ride from the ends of the system — who pay the most and yet get the least in terms of service and stations — had a ceiling of a \$15 increase on the monthly price and no increase above a
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By Tina Merando, Town Clerk

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Traffic Light *(from Page 1)*

be installed, and for that to happen, the Village Board would need to pass a resolution giving its support.

That led to a lengthy exchange between Corey and Mayor Dave Merandy.

The mayor placed some of the responsibility for traffic issues on the Butterfield developer and the seniors themselves.

"When our Planning Board was discussing all this, it was pressured by the seniors to just get it done," he said, adding that the state completed a traffic study during the planning process for the Butterfield project.

The Department of Transportation, he asserted, "knew exactly what was going to happen there — the Friendship Center, doctor's offices, all those apartment buildings," Merandy said. A light was not recommended at the time and Butterfield plans haven't changed, he said.

"You're mixing apples and oranges," Corey responded. "The necessity for a senior center has really nothing to do with the traffic light."

When Merandy persisted in his criticism of seniors' lobbying, commenting they had not given the Planning Board and village "enough breathing room" in dealing with Butterfield, Corey shot back, sarcastically: "They [seniors] are a dangerous group, I understand."

"I agree, they are a very powerful group," Merandy said. "Ask any politician."



A crosswalk on Route 9 connects Chestnut Ridge and the Butterfield complex (at left).

Photo by M. Turton

Corey was quick to react. "I didn't know I'm that powerful," she said. "But if I am, get that traffic light resolution done tonight!"

Deputy Mayor Marie Early suggested that Chestnut Ridge seniors use the bus service provided by Putnam County to get to facilities at Butterfield.

"That's wonderful," Corey said, "But it's a right to take a walk and cross the street. What could be healthier for older people than to be able to take a walk?"

She said there is one way to get a traffic light right away. "Somebody gets killed," she said. "Immediately you get a traffic light."

Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge for the Cold Spring Police Department, said one idea that came out of a meeting he had with Department of Transportation officials was a flashing caution light with a button that could change the light to red.

He added the cost for any type of light would be at least \$100,000. "Ultimately it's

not going to be up to us," he said. "DOT is going to go by its own plans." Merandy said that he would follow up with the state.

Tire marking

Trustee Lynn Miller pointed out that a federal appeals court in Cincinnati recently ruled that marking tires to determine parking violations is unconstitutional.

The court ruled that by marking tires with chalk, a municipality "commences its search on vehicles that are parked legally without probable cause or even so much as 'individualized suspicion of wrongdoing.'" It added that the "intentional physical contact" by a parking officer with a vehicle constitutes trespass.

Although the decision only applies in the 6th District, which doesn't include New York, Miller said she can foresee tickets being challenged in Cold Spring traffic court.

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," Officer-in-Charge Burke said.

Trustees approved again hiring Nico DellaValle as parking enforcement officer over the summer for \$15 an hour.

In other business ...

■ The board adopted the 2019-20 village budget, which includes spending of \$2.5 million, of which \$1.66 million will be raised through taxes, the maximum allowed under a state-imposed cap. The budgets for water and sewer, which are funded through user fees, were also approved.

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Metro-North *(from Page 5)*

\$460 monthly ticket price. This means riders in Garrison and Cold Spring saw a 3.5 percent increase in their ticket and riders in Beacon and Patterson in eastern Putnam saw no increase in their monthly tickets — they stayed at \$475. I fought for these two caps — the amount of increase and the absolute cost of the ticket — because our riders are paying the most of anyone across the MTA and there is a limit to how much we can afford, on top of car ownership, parking and, for many of us, a MetroCard in New York City”;

(4) “The MTA passed metrics — for the first time ever — that management must meet for on-time performance. If management does not meet these monthly and annual targets (93 percent is what was agreed to), future fare increases will be stunted if not stopped because the MTA didn’t meet the riders’ expectations”;

(5) “When we voted on this measure, before the governor enacted the congestion-pricing plan, the MTA was heading toward a deficit of \$1 billion in 2022. An insolvent MTA is not acceptable to anyone. Without this price increase, that deficit would increase by \$30 million every month.”

Zuckerman added that “safety is the No. 1 issue for Metro-North,” including implementing Positive Train Control to slow engines that are going too fast, but that he is also fighting for Hudson Line needs in the next capital plan, such as access into Penn Station, the electrification of the line between Croton and Poughkeepsie,

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and getting trains more quickly through Harlem/125th Street, where three lines come together and create a bottleneck.

He said that, “over time, I believe the MTA should move to a flat fare for Metro-North and Long Island Railroad riders, across each system, exactly as the subway has run since 1914. Those of us in Putnam and Dutchess counties and, for that matter, Suffolk County, on the end of Long Island, should not be penalized for where we live. The rise in fares for those farther south in Westchester can be set reasonably to create more equity across the whole system. It is one system and we should treat it like one system.”

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND VOTE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2019-2020 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2019-2020 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 1, 2019, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District's schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

- To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2022).
- To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2019-2020 School Year (the Budget).
- To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 11, 2019, authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$450,000; authorizing the issuance of \$450,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?
- To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into two (2) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these school election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2019 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth:

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

Description: First Ward, First and Second Districts; Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts; Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts; Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County; south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

Bounded on the north by the common town line of the of Fishkill and Wappinger, east by Wappinger Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Union Free School District No. 3, Town of Fishkill, south by Beacon City line and west by Hudson River.

Bounded northerly by former Common School District No. 4 in the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger, easterly by Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Dutchess County; southerly by Central School District No. 1 in the Town of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Putnam County and the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County; westerly by the Hudson River and the City of Beacon being the former Union Free School District No. 3 of the Town of Fishkill.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Such petitions must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District, shall state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2015, 2016, 2017 or 2018 calendar years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, beginning fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Said register will be open for inspection in each of the polling places during the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

Dated: March 11, 2019 **By the Order of the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District**

Kelly Pologe, School District Clerk

Haldane Candidates



Daly



McNall



O'Connell

Garrison Candidates



Lake



Tormey

School Candidates *(from Page 1)*
running for re-election.

O'Connell is director of capital projects and construction for The Public Theater, while McNall is the associate artistic director and director of education for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.

The Haldane board on April 23 approved a proposed budget that includes \$24.6 million in spending, an increase of 2 percent. About \$3 million in revenue will come from state aid. The board also will ask voters to approve propositions to spend up to \$1.6 million on capital improvements and up to \$75,000 for a school bus and equipment for utility vehicles.

Proposed expenditures include \$1.2 million for operations, \$631,000 for maintenance, \$7.3 million for instruction, \$2.9 million for special education, \$448,000 for athletics, \$1 million for transportation, \$5.9 million for employee benefits and \$1.3 million for debt service.

For details, see haldaneschool.org/board-of-education/annual-budget; a public hearing is scheduled for May 7. (In other recent business, the board approved a \$182,000 contract with a Staatsburg firm to renovate bathrooms in the elementary school.)

Garrison district

In Garrison, there are two candidates for the seats on the seven-member board

held by Jill Corson Lake, who is seeking re-election to her second term, and Derek DuBois, who is not running for a fourth term. The other candidate is Sarah Tormey, a romance novelist who is president of the Garrison's Children Education Fund.

The Garrison board on April 10 approved a proposed budget of \$11 million, an increase of 1 percent. It includes \$1.34 million for administration, \$6.3 million for instruction, \$746,000 for transportation, \$2.16 million for employee benefits and \$516,000 for debt service. The district expects to receive \$918,000 in state aid.

If the budget is approved by voters, the tax rate would rise from \$20.81 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$21.24. For a

home in Philipstown with a market value of \$700,000, that would translate to about \$140 annually. See gufs.org/domain/34 for details; a public hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 8.

The ballot will not include a proposition to approve spending for a high-efficiency hot water heating system plus air conditioning in elementary and middle school classrooms that was estimated last fall to cost \$7.6 million. Board President Ray O'Rourke said the board hopes to present the proposition to voters in the fall.

In a separate vote, the Desmond-Fish Library will ask district voters on the May 21 ballot to approve increasing its annual public funding from \$75,000 to \$300,000.

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The Calendar

A Gentleman in Philipstown

Novelist reflects on million-seller story

By Alison Rooney

Every last reservation was quickly taken for a May 10 talk at the Garrison Institute with Amor Towles, whose novel *A Gentleman in Moscow* spent 58 weeks on *The New York Times* hardcover best-seller list — moving 1.5 million copies — and immediately topped the paperback list in March when that version was released. The novel is also soon to become a television mini-series starring Kenneth Branagh.

The Garrison event, sponsored by the institute, the Desmond-Fish Library and Split Rock Books, will celebrate a novel that cast a spell on readers when it was published in September 2016. It's set in the tumultuous years of the Russian Revolution and its aftermath, and its central char-

acter is a former aristocrat sentenced to what amounts to house arrest in a once-grand hotel near Red Square.

Towles, who lives in Manhattan and Philipstown, says he isn't surprised by the novel's success, despite its length of well over 400 pages. "So much — Twitter and more — comes in a shorter form, with shallow content and incredible frequency," he says. "You're consumed by it, not nourished by it. Yet there is also big success now in long form: in television, there are 10- to 12-hour or longer series. Same goes for podcasts requiring an investment of time. People are buying long novels: mine and *The Goldfinch*, for example. In general, the interest in serious narrative is robust."

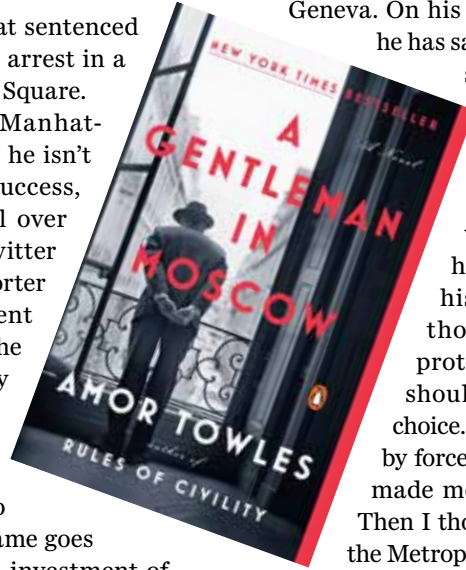
Towles' journey to the best-seller list has many of the elements of a novel. He stud-

ied English at Yale and Stanford but, at age 25, joined an investment firm in New York City. He traveled abroad often as a spokesman for the firm, including annual trips to Geneva. On his eighth visit there,

he has said, he noticed "the same people in the lobby as the time before."

That gave him an idea, which he wrote down on the hotel stationery in his room. "My first thought [about the protagonist] was: He shouldn't be there by choice. He should be there by force," he recalls. "That made me think of Russia. Then I thought: It should be the Metropol."

The Moscow hotel, which opened in 1905, was filled with marble and crystal, ballrooms, a library, card room and suites, all designed to attract Russia's new

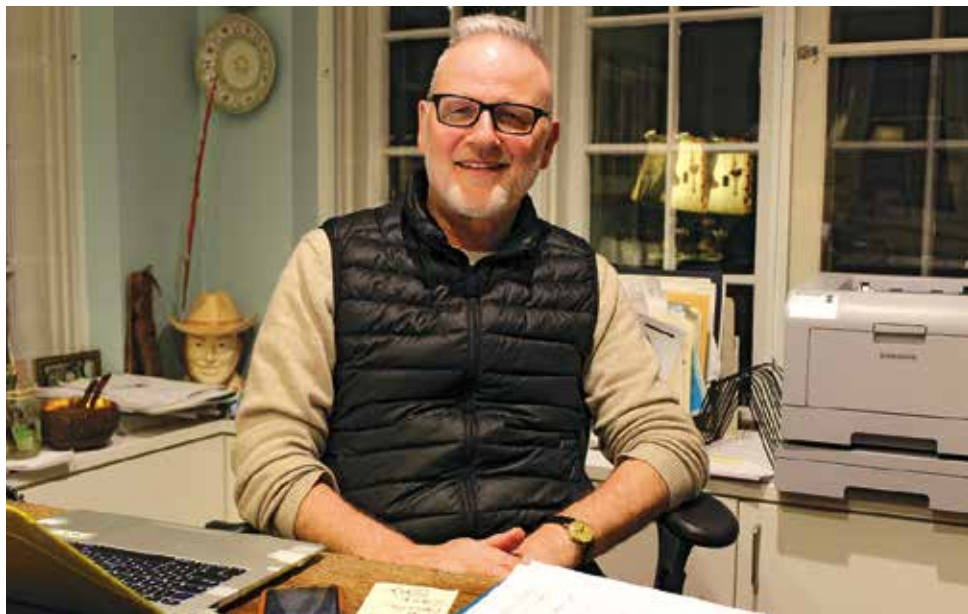


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Amor Towles

Photo by David Jacobs



Dr. Peter Gergely, after hours, at his Garrison office

Photos by A. Rooney



Many children give Dr. Gergely portraits, which fill his office.

A Growing Business

Longtime pediatrician Peter Gergely to be honored

By Alison Rooney

There may soon be fake IDs being flashed at Dr. Peter Gergely's pediatric practice in Garrison — not by the under-21 crowd, but by the over-21 patients unable to cope with the recent news that the practice is simply too busy to keep them on the rolls.

The previous cut-off was 26. The sizable contingent of young adults hoping to see Gergely and his staff, despite the indignity of sitting in a waiting room with a choo-choo and mazes, is a testament to the pediatrician's decades-long popularity. Fittingly, Gergely will be honored by the Philipstown Depot Theatre at its May 5 benefit with the Depot Youth Theatre, which is celebrating 20 years.

In his nearly 30 years as a local pediatrician, the doctor has come full circle, watching his patients grow from infants to adults and returning with their own children — sometimes after having married another former Gergely patient.

It was in 1990 that Gergely received a call from Butterfield Pavilion, which wanted to add a pediatrician to its roster.

"I had worked in emergency rooms around here for two years, doing shifts of 24 hours on, 36 hours off, and then started an illustration business [Gergigrafika] with my sister, Panni, cranking out artwork," he

recalls. "It was time for a change."

He and Panni rented an office and, after four busy years, purchased and renovated a home on Route 403 near Route 9 that had most recently been a Sotheby's office.

Gergely, who is 64, grew up in Nahant, Massachusetts, an island town north of Boston, with five older and two younger siblings. His interest in medicine formed early on.

"I remember standing in line in the fourth grade for our tuberculosis tests and seeing the doctor down the hallway and thinking: That's the job for me. In art they said to 'draw what you want to be,' and I drew a man in a white coat next to a crib, with a little kid looking up at me. I was always comfortable around kids, and, inevitably there was always a group of kids chasing me around. Anatomy always interested me and I wanted to know how and why things worked."

After graduating from Dartmouth, where he majored in art and biology, Gergely was accepted to Tufts Medical School but the finances were problematic. He decided to join the Army, which promised him a scholarship in exchange for six weeks of active duty each year.

His first posting was in Monterey, California. On his first day — which also happened

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Night falls, and the pediatrician is still in his office, making reassuring calls to parents of sick children.

Photo by A. Rooney

Gergely (from Page 9)

to be his first day in uniform — a colonel got on the elevator and said, “Lieutenant, you have all your stuff on upside down.”

After completing a three-year residency at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, Gergely spent four years at Keller Army Hospital at West Point.

At his practice, Gergely says “the true art of medicine” is patients getting a call back. “If you make that call, that follow-up, that reassurance, the parents will trust you forever,” he says. “We’ll get you through that anxious night. Caring, giving attention, is more difficult in a larger practice. We believe that you need at least 30 minutes for a decent, thorough, physical. How do you even start the conversation with a teenager in 10 minutes? We’ve resisted all the many efforts to be bought out. The sales consultants tell me: ‘But, hey, you can get rid of all

your staff.’ To which I say that we actually like having them here!”

Nowadays, parents come in armed with information from the internet, something Gergely regards as more friend than foe. “We always hear, ‘I know I shouldn’t be looking things up online, but...’ I say: ‘It’s natural — as long as you don’t necessarily believe everything.’ Our only hard, fast rule is you have to vaccinate.”

Gergely has no plans to retire. He takes twice-yearly trips to Europe with his long-time partner, which he believes “will actually extend the number of years I wind up working. There are times when it’s toward the end of the day and I’ve got two more patients to see and I’m grumpy, and I slap myself and remind myself to relish it: Go out there, fix the problem. Here it’s different every 15 minutes. It’s great to be needed. There’s an intimacy that few people get in their working lives. I can go home and recharge.”

Towles (from Page 9)

20th-century wealth. It was, Towles says, “the center of the social fabric of the city, visited weekly by the intelligentsia, nobility and upper bourgeoisie.” Yet, 12 years after it opened, “it found itself in the middle of a revolution.”

As battles raged in the barricaded square, soldiers took over portions of the hotel and leaders of the new government were ensconced in Metropol suites. In his book, the central character, the count, has, at the outset, lost his social standing, possessions and family. “Over the course of 30 years there, he has to find a

new sense of purpose,” Towles says.

When he wrote the novel, Towles hadn’t actually stayed at the Metropol but had been inside. After he finished the first draft, he booked a room. The popularity of his book has led to popularity for the hotel. “I was there recently, and the manager was so thrilled, grateful,” Towles says. “All of the people want to visit the sixth-floor attic [an element in the novel] — but there is no sixth floor. It’s a part of the narrative effort: you have to have the freedom to invent.”

Towles says he doesn’t overindulge on historical research for his books (his first

novel, *Rules of Civility*, also a best-seller, was set in New York City in 1938), because while it “can spark and spur you on, too much research paves over the imagination.” Instead, he finds something he’s fascinated with already, then “uses that familiarity to invent my version of it.”

Some readers don’t get that, he says. “There is a strong impulse to read for exactitude,” he says. “I think the ‘Gotcha!’ culture is responsible for a lot of the indignant emails. The thing is, if I email back showing how they’re wrong, nine out of 10 times, they don’t reply. Others point things out very graciously, with

politesse, which I appreciate. In fact, I made roughly 30 changes which were reader-originated” in the paperback.

Towles says he grappled with the overall perspective of the novel and settled on what he calls a “meta-narrator.”

“In order for the book to work, it was important to have not only the count’s voice, but the harsh aspects of Soviet life,” he says. “Some of it is achieved through coming in and out of the hotel, but 10 percent of the book is told by the meta-narrator, who is more jaded, has had more experience and provides dark details.”

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— Opening Sunday, April 28 —

The Putnam History Museum will re-open Saturday, April 27th at 5 p.m. with the Members' preview of a new exhibition *Do Not Forget Me: A Brief History of Putnam County Women*, curated by Executive Director Sarah Johnson. A newly revised *Forging the Highlands: WPF Bicentennial* exhibition curated by PHM Board member and Philipstown Historian Mark Forlow continues through December 15th, 2019. The exhibitions will open to the public on Sunday, April 28th, and thereafter, the museum will be open Wednesday through Sunday, 12-4 pm. Admission is free for members, children under 12 and Military; adult admission is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors.

Please join us for a lively lecture series to accompany the exhibitions, found on our website here:
<http://www.putnamhistorymuseum.org/home/education/lecture-series/> Lecture attendance is free for members; lecture tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased through Eventbrite, by calling (845) 265-4010 or email catherine@putnamhistorymuseum.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Putnam History Museum is located at 63 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring.
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Willa Skinner gives the "word ladder" some scrutiny.



Bill Abramson tests his dog breed knowledge.

Photos by A. Rooney

Making Connections

Seniors gather weekly for 'brain games'

By Alison Rooney

There are a bunch of gamers over at the Howland Public Library in Beacon who aren't manipulating their thumbs. They aren't even competing. Instead, they are seniors keeping their minds active with "brain games" — and conversation — at a Thursday morning (10 a.m.) drop-in run.

Organized by librarian Alison Herrero, the sessions are sponsored by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging and draw a mix of retirees. Willa Skinner was the Fishkill town historian from 1964 to 2017 and is also a former journalist. "I had the best of both worlds," she said of her childhood. "I went to school in the Bronx but came up to Dutchess County, where my grandparents had a summer place. It was nothing but dairy farms."

Then there's Bill Abramson, who introduced himself as "just plain Bill," but when pressed, owned up to a surname. A retired tax attorney and accountant, he hails from East New York, Brooklyn, but "ultimately decided to come up north."

"My cardiologist said I had to do something," he said. "He told me I had to take my dog on a daily walk, between one and three miles. Walking is so important. I worked for 10 years without taking a day off. I was living on 59th between First and Second. I came up to Woodstock and knew I had to get busy. I saw clients who retired and vegetated. I started to do things: I joined a board, I helped maintain a trail."

"I didn't earn a dime from any of these things, but I was busy, and busy is good. Being someone from the city, all I knew about wildlife was sparrows and pigeons. But I got a birdfeeder and the birds started coming to me and I started learning more about them. Right now, I have a border

collie. They originally came from Scotland and were used for herding. Within three months of her living with me, she saw a bear, and then a deer, which frustrated her because she couldn't herd it! I live in Beacon because it's much easier for friends and family from the city to take trains up and visit me. By the way, I'm 89."

Last to offer an introduction was Ralph Cassitto, or, more precisely, Ralph F. Cassitto, "so I don't get confused with my son," he said. A retired architect, Cassitto said he worked mostly on industrial projects. He was born and raised in New York City, but came to Beacon from Virginia.

The group began by navigating a pencil maze ("This one is a little harder than usual," Herrero admitted.) That was followed by a number-and-letter puzzle that revealed that Emmett Littleton Ashford was the first African-American umpire in Major League Baseball, working from 1966 to 1970.

Next came a "name-that-breed" sheet, with photos of dogs. There was discussion

about the copies. "If it had been in color, I would have known that was a Rottweiler," said Cassitto.

Things got shakier on the "word ladder," which involved altering one letter of a word and using brief definitions given as clues to advance rung-by-rung, e.g., from brush to brash to crash to clash to class to brass. Everyone was a bit stumped at one rung, but Skinner advised: "I started working from the bottom up."

"Did that work?" asked Herrero.

"No."

Cassitto was deep in concentration. "The last two — oh my goodness!" he said, before being interrupted by Skinner's "Something just came to me!"

The longest exercise came at the end, with two cartoons with eight subtle differences. Herrero ominously announced: "This is from the hard book. It looks friendly, but I don't know how friendly it really is." That proved to be the case, with no one, including this reporter, spotting them all.

As the hour drew to a close, the participants explained why they came. "I open up my brain," Cassitto said. "We help each other. It's stimulation. Plus, we meet lovely people."

"In retirement, we want to keep our brains active," Skinner added.

"It should expand," agreed Cassitto.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

PETE SEEGER



FRI 3 Open Mic

BEACON
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Sign-up begins at 5 p.m. to honor Pete's life and music on what would have been his 100th birthday.

SAT 4 "Oh, My Gosh!"

BEACON
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614
brownpapertickets.com/event/4220280

This group show will feature works by 34 artists interpreting their experiences with Pete, along with a series of 12 paintings by Dan Botkin inspired by "Turn, Turn, Turn." It continues through May 27.

SAT 4 Celebrating Pete Seeger's Centennial

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614
howlandculturalcenter.org

The tribute will include performances of Seeger's songs by David and Jacob Bernz, Betty and the Baby Boomers, the B2s, Carolyn Doctorow, Lydia Adams Davis with Annalyse and Ryan, Pat Lamanna, Sharleen Leahey, Ken Miller, The Rix, R.J.Storm and Old School, and Spook Handy. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SUN 5 Pete Seeger Festival

PUTNAM VALLEY
2 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road | 845-528-7280
tompkinscorners.org

The fourth annual event will bring together friends of Pete who performed and worked with him, including Rich Bala, David and Jacob Bernz, Lydia Adams Davis, Karen Hinderstein, Patrick Stanfield Jones, Pat Lamanna, Rick Nestler

and Rik Palieri, Melissa Ortquist, Laurie Siegel and Karen Brooks (the Trouble Sisters), Andy Revkin, Sarah Underhill, Susan Wright with Carla Springer, Rick Aparicio and Steve Kirkman. Donations will be collected for local organizations that Seeger created. *Free*

SUN 5 Turn, Turn, Turn!

POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The Vanaver Caravan dance troupe will be joined by Maria Muldaur, Happy Traum, Tom Chapin and Seeger's daughter, Tinya. *Cost: \$35 to \$45*

COMMUNITY

SAT 27 Alpine Plant Sale

COLD SPRING
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stonecrop
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org

The 13th annual rock garden plant sale will include offerings from Stonecrop and other vendors. *Cost: \$5 (free for members and children under 3)*

SAT 27 Shredder Day

COLD SPRING
9 a.m. – Noon. The Nest | 44 Chestnut St.
The Cold Spring Lions Club sponsors this annual event at which Philipstown residents and businesses can bring unlimited quantities of paper for shredding. No boxes, paper clips, binders or plastic bags are allowed. *Free (donations welcome)*

SAT 27 Invasive Species Removal Event

NELSONVILLE
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nelsonville Preserve
Check-in at the Nelsonville trailhead

on North Pearl Street and join local Girl Scouts as they help preserve forest health. Learn about what plants to look for and removal techniques. Gloves, shovels and trash bags, as well as lunch, will be provided.

SAT 27 Beacon Barks

BEACON
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Polhill Park
facebook.com/beaconbarks

Join the parade with your dog. A street festival will feature food, vendors, live music, dog performers, pet adoptions and face painting.

SAT 27 Urban Farming Fair

NEWBURGH
Noon – 4 p.m. Broadway and Grand
newburghurbanfarmandfood.org

The fourth annual fair will include fresh food, local vendors, crafts, farm fun and demonstrations of techniques for yards and neighborhoods. Sponsored by the Newburgh Urban Farm and Food Initiative. *Free*

SAT 27 Taste of the Valley

COLD SPRING
6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road
haldaneschoolfoundation.org

This annual fundraiser for the Haldane School Foundation will include food and drink from local restaurants, as well as a silent auction. *Cost: \$85*

SUN 28 Putnam Heart Walk

BREWSTER
9 a.m. Brewster High School
50 Foggintown Road | 203-984-9128
bit.ly/putnam-heart-walk

The American Heart Association will honor former Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra during its annual fundraiser for her work last year passing a county law

that raised the age to buy tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21.

THURS 2 Blood Drive

COLD SPRING
2 – 8 p.m. Loretto Parish Hall
24 Fair St. | 800-688-0900

Donors should drink fluids and eat well before their appointment. New donors and walk-ins welcome.

THURS 2 Bingo Night

BEACON
7 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
2 Churchill St. | jvftso.com

Proceeds will help improve the playground at JV Forrestal Elementary. Admission includes one game card. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*



FRI 3 Desmond-Fish Associates Dinner

PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. The Factoria
5 John Walsh Boulevard | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org/dinner

This annual fundraiser for the Garrison library will honor novelist and Peekskill native T.C. Boyle, who is best known for his novel *World's End*, set in the Highlands. See Page 2. Leonora Burton and her late husband, Tony, will be recognized for community service. *Cost: \$275*

SAT 4 Riverkeeper Sweep

HUDSON VALLEY
riverkeeper.org/sweep
The annual cleanup, organized by Riverkeeper, has over the past seven

years removed 228 tons of debris from along the Hudson and planted 2,228 trees and native grasses while removing tons of invasive species. Check online for a list of morning meeting sites, which include Dockside Park, Little Stony Point, Garrison's Landing and Arden Point in Philipstown and Denning's Point and Riverfront Park in Beacon. The Hudson Valley Brewery and 2 Way Brewing Co. in Beacon will host meetups after the sweep.

SAT 4 I Love My Park Day

HUDSON VALLEY
ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day

Volunteer at Cornish Estate, Little Stony Point, Fahnestock, Bear Mountain, Walkway Over the Hudson and other state parks. Register online.

SAT 4 Farm Fest and Plant Sale

POUGHKEEPSIE
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Farm Project
51 Vassar Farm Lane
farmproject.org/farm-fest

The sale will include vegetable starts, herbs and flowers, and there will be gardening activities, storytelling, farm tours, wildflower walks, food, live music and a craft market. *Free*

SAT 4 Cupcake Festival

STORMVILLE
Noon – 5 p.m. Stormville Airport
428 Route 216 | k104online.com
Sponsored by K104.7 and held last year in Beacon, the festival will bring together bakers and bakeries to showcase their confectionaries. *Free*



SUN 5 Pet Rabies Clinic

BEACON
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Memorial Park
The Animal Rescue Foundation will offer rabies and distemper vaccinations for dogs and cats. Dogs must be leashed and cats in carriers. Rain or shine. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 5 Spring Benefit

GARRISON
4 – 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
The theater's annual benefit will celebrate 20 years of its youth program and honor pediatrician Dr. Peter Gergely. See Page 9. *Cost: \$50*



Riverkeeper Sweep, May 4

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 27
Ree-Play Sale
BEACON
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. University Settlement
724 Wolcott Ave. | weeplayproject.org

This enormous annual tag sale includes gently used children’s clothing, baby gear, books, games, bikes and maternity clothes, among other items, with proceeds benefiting children’s programming and Beacon’s parks and playgrounds. Also SUN 28.

SAT 27
Mary Poppins
GARRISON
7:30 pm. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glencllyffe Drive | 845-424-4618
philipstownrecreation.com
The Foot-in-Mouth Players will present the classic musical. Also SUN 28. Call for tickets.
Cost: \$10 (\$5 children/seniors)

SUN 28
Tots Park Cleanup
COLD SPRING
9 a.m. – 3 pm. Tots Park
4 High St. | bit.ly/tot-park-cleanup
Help tidy the park for the season by spreading mulch, tilling sand and clearing out broken toys. Bring tools and gloves with labels. RSVP online.

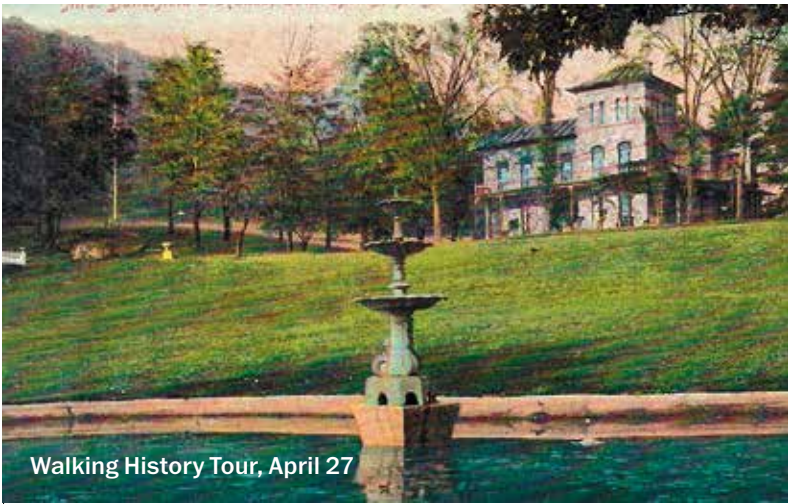
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Free Tutoring
BEACON
7 p.m. Christ Church United Methodist
60 Union St. | 631-987-7463
beaconmethodist.org

Tutors, including many who are current or former teachers, will provide academic assistance for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Parents must remain on church property. Call with child’s name, grade, subject of need and day. Also THURS 2.

FRI 3
Children’s Book Party
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Drug World | 55 Chestnut St.
Raven Howell will share and sign her new children’s book, *Greetings: A Poetic Romp Through the Seasons*, with music from Emily Ellison.

SAT 4
Starlab
GARRISON
9:30 & 11 a.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org
Gaze into the night sky inside an inflatable planetarium during a 45-minute program in which Lisa DiMarzo will combine stars, constellations and stories.
Cost: \$12 (\$8 members)

SUN 5
Fishing Day
COLD SPRING
8 a.m. Fishkill Road Reservoir
The Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club will host its 30th annual event to introduce children to fishing. *Free*



Walking History Tour, April 27

STAGE & SCREEN
SAT 27
Beauty and the Beast
BEACON
1 & 7:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
845-838-6900, x3001
beaconplayers.com
The Beacon Players will present this classic musical about a prince trapped in a spell who must learn to love and be loved to transform himself. Also SUN 28. *Cost: \$12 (\$5 students and seniors)*

SUN 28
Adult Stories
BEACON
6 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St.
brownpapertickets.com/event/4195259
John Blesso hosts this monthly storytelling series featuring offbeat, ugly or emotionally challenging true tales told without notes. This gathering includes stories from Blesso, Angela Helland, Joni Russell, Jolee Falcone, Micaela Blei and Richard Cardillo. *Cost: \$6*

FRI 3
The Drowsy Chaperone
WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countplayers.org
To close their 61st season, the County Players present this comedy in which a Jazz Age musical comes to life. It won five Tony Awards during its Broadway run. Also SAT 4, SUN 5. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 seniors/children)*

VISUAL ART
SAT 27
IPhoneography Workshop
BEACON
10 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St. | 845-838-2880
Mary Ann Glass will explain how to use apps to correct, enhance and transform photos. iPhones/iPads/Androids and all experience levels welcome. Registration required. *Cost: \$50 (\$35 returnees)*

SAT 27
Mid-Hudson Etsy Makers Spring Market
BEACON
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614
howlandculturalcenter.org
Find handmade gifts from local artisans. *Free*

FRI 3
Pat Hickman
COLD SPRING
6 – 8:30 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St. | 845-809-5145
busterlevigallery.com
The fiber artist uses textiles to express conceptual ideas. Continues through June 2.

SUN 5
Award-Winning Bird Photos
GARRISON
2 – 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
The library is partnering with the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary to display photographs of birds chosen from the more-than 8,000 entries in the 2018 Audubon Photography Awards. Continues through May 20.



TALKS & TOURS
SAT 27
Walking History Tour
COLD SPRING
9:30 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Tour the site where the Butterfields’ summer estate, Cragside, once stood. *Free*

SAT 27
Lighthouses of the North River
FISHKILL
1 p.m. Trinity Church
1200 Main St. | 845-896-8755
fishkillhistoricalsociety.org
In a talk sponsored by the Fishkill Historical Society, Scott Craven of North River History will present a slideshow of historical lighthouses on the Hudson River. *Free*



The Drowsy Chaperone, May 3

SAT 27
What’s Actually Wrong with Sports Doping?
GARRISON
4 p.m. The Hastings Center
21 Malcolm Gordon Road
845-424-4040 | thehastingscenter.org
Thomas Murray, the president emeritus of the Hastings Center and the author of *Good Sport: Why Our Games Matter and How Doping Undermines Them*, will discuss the ethics of doping in sports, why athletes use performance enhancers, the tactics for curbing their use, and concerns about the legitimacy and fairness of anti-doping efforts. RSVP required to events@thehastingscenter.org. *Free*

SAT 27
Do Not Forget Me
COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org
The museum will open for the season with this preview for members of its latest exhibit, which is dedicated to notable women of Putnam County. A newly revised exhibition on the bicentennial of the West Point Foundry continues. The exhibitions will open to the public on SUN 28. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 seniors/students, members free)*

SUN 28
Local Storytellers
HIGHLAND FALLS
4 p.m. Highland Falls Library
298 Main St. | 845-446-3113
highlandfallslibrary.org
Novelist and author Allison Pataki and filmmaker Beatrice Copeland, both of Garrison, and novelist Owen Pataki, of New York City, will discuss their work. *Free*

SUN 28
A Taste of Change
GARRISON
1 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org
Food historian Peter Rose will discuss recipes and scrapbooks from the late-1600s to present day and what they have to say about historic family customs and celebrations. Hosted by Boscobel and the Putnam History Museum. *Cost: \$25 (\$15 members)*

MON 29
Flash Writing
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave.
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
Michael Turton and Anita Peltonen will dispel the myth that a complete story cannot be written in 75 words, and explain how to do it.

FRI 3
Murder and MAYhem
BEACON
6 – 9:30 p.m. Beacon Historical Society
17 South Ave. | 845-831-0514
beaconhistorical.org
Learn about Beacon’s history as told by a Victorian gossip in this hour-long walking tour of sites with a murderous past. Tours begin every 30 minutes. Also SAT 4, SUN 5. For ages 12 and older. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 members, seniors, teens)*

SAT 4
The World of Exteriors
GARRISON
10:30 a.m. Munder-Skiles
888-842-2442 | gardenconservancy.org
John Danzer, a garden furniture designer and founder of Munder-Skiles, will lead guests through his Garrison showroom and the design studio at his nearby home. Reservations required by calling the Garden Conservancy, which is organizing the event. *Cost: \$40 (\$30 members)*

SAT 4
Genealogical Research Using Local Collections
BEACON
10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Discover how to use the resources and archives at regional libraries, including the Howland, and the Beacon Historical Society. *Free*

SAT 4
Women’s Health Conference
BEACON
1 – 5 p.m. Masjid Ur-Rashid
352 Main St. | 845-831-7903
masjidbeacon.com
Dr. Sadia Sahabi will lead this pre-Ramadan conference, which will include blood pressure screenings and dinner. The proceeds will benefit the mosque’s building fund. *Cost: \$30 (\$45 door)*

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SAT 4 Sex and the Suffrage Movement

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Susan Goodier, a history professor at SUNY Oneonta who specializes in the suffrage movement in New York State, will ask, "What does sex have to do with voting?" *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

SAT 4 Civic Pioneers

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com

Gretchen Dykstra will read from

her book, *Civic Pioneers: Local Stories from a Changing America, 1895-1915*, which focuses on lesser-known people who shaped the Progressive era. *Free*

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SAT 27 Box of Rain

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The Peekskill Brewery Takeover series will continue with this Grateful Dead tribute band performing songs released by the group from 1968 to 1974. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 27

Brothers of the Road Band

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

This tribute band will cover the songs of the Allman Brothers and Dickey Betts with the Harris Brothers Horns and Josi Davis as guests. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 28

Journey Through American Music

BREWSTER

3 p.m. Brewster High School
50 Foggintown Road
putnamsymphonyorchestra.weebly.com

The Putnam Symphony Orchestra's spring concert will include jazz, swing, classical and patriotic music by Dvorak, Copeland, Moss, Sweeney and Sousa, among others. *Cost: \$10 (\$25 families, \$6 seniors/students)*

SUN 28

Polyphonic Vocal Masterpieces

BREWSTER

3 p.m. First United Methodist Church
83 Main St. | 845-520-7574
putnamchorale.org

The Putnam Chorale will perform harmonious vocals written by "history's first rock star," Josquin Des Prez, whose work was preserved on the first sheet music in Renaissance Venice. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 students/seniors, children under 12 free)*

FRI 3

Hayley Jane and the Primates

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The band, which will perform as part of the Peekskill Brewery Takeover series, combines Americana, roots and rock 'n' roll. The Boston-based band, which formed in 2007, plans to go on an indefinite hiatus after the summer. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 4

Michelle Alvarado

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 845-265-5537
chapelrestoration.org

The pianist will perform Eric Starr's *Twelve Pieces for Solo Piano*. A Q&A with the performer and the Cold Spring composer will follow the concert. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 students)*

SAT 4

The Mighty Hudson

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The Hudson Valley Philharmonic will perform compositions inspired by the river, including by Bernstein, Mendelssohn and Britten, accompanied by visuals from Jon Bowermaster. *Cost: \$20 to \$57*

SUN 5

Nightingales in Berlin

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandculturalcenter.org

David Rothenberg and Rinde Eckert will perform to mark the release of their CD, *Nightingales in Berlin: Searching for the Perfect Sound*. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

CIVIC

SUN 28

Community Conversation

BEACON

6 p.m. Tabernacle Church
1568 Route 9D | 845-838-6900
beaconk12.org

Matt Landahl, superintendent of the Beacon City School District, will meet with residents to discuss concerns and answer questions. A meeting is also scheduled for 7 p.m. on THURS 2 at the Beacon Recreation Center, 23 W. Center St.

MON 29

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

THURS 2

Philipstown Town Board

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com



Hayley Jane and the Primates, May 3

Riverside Art Auction

Garrison Art Center

Saturday May 11th

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9:00–1:00 observe painters at various sites

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desmondfishlibrary.org/dinner



BABY and DOG



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Dawn Piciacchio of Fishkill shared this shot of her son, Justin, with Roxie. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

Start Reading Now

May book club selections

Fiction Book Club

THURS 9, 7 P.M.

A Gentleman in Moscow,
by Amor Towles
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Helen Savoit Book Club

TUES 14, 1:30 P.M.

Ethan Frome, by Edith Wharton
Howland Library, Beacon

Graphic Novel Book Club (for Adults)

TUES 14, 7 P.M.

Sabrina, by Nick Drnaso
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Civil Rights Book Club

SUN 19, 2 P.M.

"Princes and Powers," in
Collected Essays, by James Baldwin
Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison

History Book Club

THURS 23, 7 P.M.

The Edge of the World, by Michael Pye
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Beacon Book Club

THURS 23, 7:15 P.M.

The Lost City of the Monkey God, by
Douglas Preston
Location available to members
[meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub](https://www.meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub)

Edible Book Club

SAT 25, 1 P.M.

Salt Fat Acid Heat, by Samin
Nosrat
Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison
Call 845-424-3020 for location.

Butterfield Book Club

Call 845-265-3040 for date and title.
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

Kids' Book Club

THURS 30, 4 P.M.

The Lunch Witch, by Deb Lucke
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

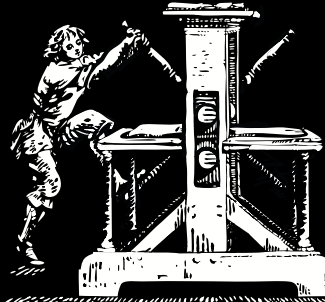


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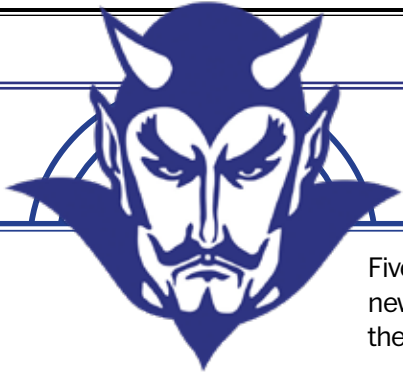


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THE BLUE PRINT

Five times each year, the members of Jenna Isabella and Ashley Linda's journalism class at Haldane High School publish a school newspaper, *The Blue Print*. With support from the Haldane School Foundation, reporters and editors from *The Current* are working with the students to craft their stories and share their reporting with the community. Selections from the latest issue appear below.

Haldane Welcomes Congressman for Town Hall

By Catriona Fee

By the time the second bell rang for the start of the lunch period on Feb. 4, Haldane High School Room 126 was packed with students, teachers, and members of the local press, all gathered for U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney's first student town hall at Haldane. Rep. Maloney briefly talked about the day-to-day functions of Congress before opening up the floor for student questions.

Students asked questions of a wide variety, from the recent government shutdown to the importance of youth involvement in politics today. He talked about how the younger generation is taking the reins on political activism and change in our country.

The first question pertained to the government shutdown, and Rep. Maloney explained how the shutdown occurred, and what he was doing as a member of Congress



Rep. Maloney is shown with Haldane students.

to limit the length of the shutdown.

The congressman also answered a question about President Donald Trump's tweets and discussed how social media,

particularly Twitter, has become a medium for political announcements rather than the press release of the past. He said: "Tweeting is obviously a new thing in

presidential history, but it's not that weird when you think about it; the president's tweets are weird." The comment stirring up some laughter in the room.

He proceeded to answer questions about current legislation he is working on, reform of Congress, campaign finance and the Mueller investigation, which was important considering that Rep. Maloney was just placed on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Overall, Congressman Maloney talked most about student civic involvement, emphasizing its importance in improving the state of our nation.

The event certainly inspired great excitement in many students and teachers alike. Government and politics teacher Ms. Seidman, who organized the forum, said: "I was really excited to have him as a guest speaker, and I think he did a really good job running it as a town hall, and I think it resonated with a lot of students."

Poetry Out Loud

By Natalie Sandick

The annual Poetry Out Loud competition took place on Jan. 7 in the Haldane Middle/High School library. A total of 11 high school students participated, each reading two poems of their choice in front of a panel of three judges. Students were judged on accuracy, physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding and overall performance.

Juniors Noah Bingham and Andrew Nachamkin were victorious and went on to participate in the regional competition at SUNY New Paltz on Feb. 7.

To prepare for this contest, Bingham says he tried to become familiar with the words and wanted to add his own personal touch when reciting them. He also felt it was important to watch for speech patterns and mesmerize the rhyme and rhythm.

This was Nachamkin's first year participating in the competition: "I never [thought about doing] Poetry Out Loud



Nachamkin and Bingham

until Dr. Richter approached me, and I ended up winning the Haldane contest. I really enjoyed this experience and learned a lot about public speaking."

Haldane Warms Hearts

By Elizabeth Nelson

On March 6, the LEO Club came together in efforts to make blankets for Project Linus, is a nonprofit organization that collects old blankets as well as distributes materials to make blankets for charity groups to donate to children who have been hospitalized.

The LEO Club has been engaging in this charitable act for the past three years. The blankets have gone to children who are fatally ill or traumatized by personal experiences.

"The LEO Club spent their lunch period giving back," says Club President Olivia Olsen, who has been a member since the club started partnering with Project Linus. "It was a great way for the club to get together and get involved in an important issue." This year's LEO Club made 12 blankets that will be put into the hands of deserving children.

Cultural Immersion

By Katelyn Pidala

On March 1, the Spanish and French students of Haldane High School embarked on their annual immersion trip.

This year the trip was to Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill. The day began with a breakfast of pancakes, bacon, fruit and cereal. Students were also introduced with folders that had different information like the itinerary for the day, bracelets, and

sheets to go along with the presentations.

The first activity was a "Cultural Dance" by Fred Astaire Dance Studio, which taught the students how to waltz. They were taught each step in small parts and then combined it all together at the end with music.

After the dance, the Spanish and French students split into two groups and attended language-specific presentations. For Spanish, the students learned about Costa Rican culture, grammar, and sayings with teacher John Schepisi. The French students learned about the culture and history of Haiti with Jerice

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Baptiste. The students joined together again for a cultural lunch of plantains, rice, French onion soup, cheesy potatoes and pulled pork fajitas.

Lunch was followed by performances by the students of a variety of songs, poems and immersive dances. Once again, the students divided into two groups. The Spanish students listened to a presentation about Spain from Mercedes Burke. This presentation highlighted the different sites and customs of Spain.

During this, French students went on a walk through the woods for a "Maple Syrup Program" by Sharpe where they learned about this important component of Canada's economy. Later on Pentagrama arrived with a full band and showed students the Cumbia. Students were invited to learn about the history of this dance and take part in the musical performance.

Dinner was provided by Sharpe before the students returned home. The students of this year's Immersion Program enjoyed their experience at



Learning to waltz

Sharpe Reservation and look forward to next year's program.

SKI TRIP

By Katelyn Pidala

On Feb. 17 through 19, 48 Haldane students attended this year's overnight ski trip to Vermont, starting at 6 a.m. Sunday morning with a three-hour coach bus ride to Bromley and ending late Tuesday night after a long day of skiing at Stowe. This year, like almost every year, they stayed at the Round Hearth at Stowe which is only a 15-minute drive to Stowe Resort.

The first day of skiing was at Bromley, "Vermont's Sun Mountain." The bus arrived at around 9 a.m. to the mountain. After the long bus ride, the ski trip was finally able to begin. In the morning there were a few clouds, but it cleared up for the rest of the day. The temperature was in the 20s all day, but you could never tell with all the sun. For many, this was their first time to Bromley because last year the ski trip went to Okemo on the first day.

The second day of skiing was at Stowe Mountain Resort. Stowe is located on Vermont's highest mountain, Mount Mansfield, at 4,393 feet. It was a little colder this day, reaching a high of about 20 degrees. During this day, some chose to take the risk of adventuring through the glades to go to a cave.

The third, and final, day of skiing was at Stowe again. This was also the coldest

day with the temperature remaining in the single digits to negatives almost all day and 12 mph winds. The cold was made bearable while many chose to take advantage of the upscale lodge only a gondola ride away at Spruce Peak.

The students had access to skiing at this smaller ski area that was reachable by a gondola that went over the parking lot. There was also a small ski village with shops, eating, and ice skating that could be enjoyed if students were tired from skiing or snowboarding all day.

The first two days ended with fun at the Round Hearth. For people who've been on the ski trip multiple times, the Round Hearth is a very familiar place filled with fond memories. Here students ate dinner and slept. There were also tons of activities to keep them occupied, including air hockey, pool, board games, a movie room, and even a hot tub. Freya Wood-Gallagher, a member of the ski club for many years, said "once again the Round Hearth gave us a warm and welcoming experience."

On the last day, the bus departed Stowe at 4 p.m. with a six-hour trip ahead. Halfway during the ride home, the bus stopped for food where the students could pick from Taco Bell, KFC or McDonald's. After eating for about 30 minutes, the ride continued home, and the bus returned to Haldane around 10 p.m. This was the last ski trip for many of the seniors, some of who've attended since eighth grade.

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Small, Good Things

Transforming the Ordinary

By Joe Dizney

"It is not sufficient, he emphasized, to color the mind with wisdom; it must be pickled in it, as it were, soaked in it, and entirely transformed by it." — Peter Sloterdijk, You Must Change Your Life



OK, maybe it's counterintuitive to consider pickled vegetables just as local markets are about to be flooded by the spring's fresh bounty. But when it comes to actually eating, the pickle is one of those simple culinary tricks that transforms the simplest meal into something special.

Consider the humble sandwich: bread, some protein (meat or fish or vegetable), perhaps a little dairy (cheese) and more vegetables for crunch and so you can feel good about yourself — about as basic as it gets.

But add a bit of chopped pickled vegetables and it takes on a completely different character.

For example: In Chicago, a roll layered with sliced roast beef au jus topped with giardiniera (a spicy vegetable pickle) becomes Italian Beef.

In New Orleans, a crusty cannonball-sized loaf is stuffed with cold cuts (ham, mortadella, salami) and cheese (provolone, Swiss). Add a healthy topping of what the locals call "olive salad" (a quick pickle of chopped green olives, celery, cauliflower and carrot, seasoned with oregano and garlic), and this behemoth becomes a

Muffuletta. (Quartered it will feed four, unless someone's really hungry.)

Both examples are Italian-American by birth, but every culture has its own pickled condiment. The list is long and includes: Indian chutneys or achar, Korean kimchi, Chinese and Japanese pickled vegetables, meso-American curtido and then some. The point is all can be used to the same end.

What end is that? The pickling process, in addition to providing an acidic brightness, adds a major dose of flavor, sweetness and even texture. Choosing from an infinite palette of spices and vegetables can be either as subtle or assertive as the chef desires.

This quick pickle recipe is based on the Italian giardiniera. The classic Italian mix is cauliflower, carrots, green beans, celery and onions. I've altered it to a heavier mix of onions, 86'ed the carrots and added fennel. I roasted everything for a bit more depth of flavor. I used white wine vinegar for a little additional punch but distilled white vinegar is fine. Just make sure whatever you use has at least 5 percent acidity.

The relish is pictured at upper right on a pork tenderloin sandwich. (The focaccia is available at Stephano's and Rascal, a raw cow milk cheese, is available at Marbled Meats. Both are on Route 9 in Philipstown.) Fresh watercress or arugula with shaved fennel added some crunch. The giardiniera was drained and chopped roughly before layering it on the sandwich. You can just as easily do this with a chicken cutlet, even a grilled or roasted Portobello mushroom. Try it sans cheese with oil-cured sardines — Ortiz brand is a great choice — or even with cheese alone for a compact take on the ploughman's lunch.

Don't think this is merely about building a better sandwich. Add your relish of choice to any grain or bean bowl for a flavor boost. Add a big bowl to the table at any alfresco barbecue to enjoy with any grilled food. Think of it as a secret weapon to transform an ordinary meal into an extraordinary one.



Quick-Pickled, Roasted Giardiniera

Makes about 6 cups

- Olive oil
- 1 head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 3 medium bulbs fennel, sliced thin
- 1/2 to 3/4 pound green beans, bias sliced 1 1/2 to 2-inch lengths
- 1 medium red onion, peeled and quartered
- 2 bunches scallions, root ends trimmed, cut to 2-inch lengths
- 4 to 5 shallots, peeled and quartered
- 1 1/2 cups white wine vinegar (of at least 5 percent acidity)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 cup raw sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon fennel seed
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander seed
- 1 teaspoon yellow mustard seed
- 2 to 3 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, sliced thin
- 1/4 cup fresh oregano leaves, chopped roughly

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a medium bowl, toss cauliflower, fennel and green beans with a splash of olive oil to coat, a pinch of salt and grind of black pepper. In another bowl, do the same for the red onions, shallots and scallions.

2. Place cauliflower, fennel and green beans on a parchment-lined baking sheet and roast in preheated oven for 20 to 30 minutes until lightly caramelized. When done, remove from oven and return to the bowl. Replace parchment and spread onion mixture on the sheet and roast 20 to 30 minutes until caramelized. Remove from oven, transfer to a cutting board and chop roughly. Add to bowl with vegetables and toss until just mixed. Set aside.

3. In a small skillet over medium heat, toast the fennel, coriander and mustard seed until fragrant. In a small saucepan, heat water, vinegar, sugar, salt, bay leaves, garlic, red pepper flakes and toasted fennel, coriander and mustard seeds to a simmer and remove from heat. Add oregano leaves, stir to incorporate and set aside.

4. Spoon vegetables evenly into three sterilized 16-ounce Mason jars. Pour vinegar solution over vegetables, leaving about 1/4 inch of headspace. Lightly screw on lids, let cool to room temperature, tighten lids and refrigerate — shaking the jars lightly and occasionally while they chill — for at least 24 hours before using (two to three days is optimal). Keep sealed for up to two weeks, unsealed for one.

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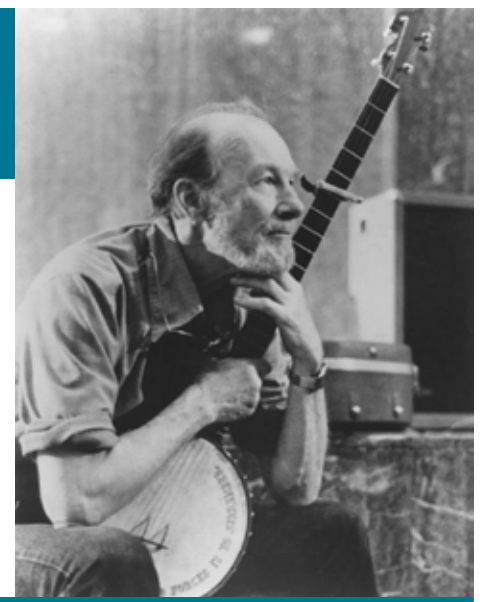
REMEMBERING PETE



May 3 would have been Pete Seeger's 100th birthday.

For our issue that comes out that day, we would like to celebrate Pete's life with a collection of personal photos and remembrances.

Do you have a favorite memory of Pete? A favorite snapshot you took of or with him? Email either or both to editor@highlandscurrent.org or write us at 161 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. (Photos also can be dropped off at our office for scanning.) The deadline is Tuesday, April 30.



Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (April 1869)

John Connor, who neglected to pay what he owed Mr. Perry for groceries, was stopped by the village constable as he boarded the milk train. He pleaded poverty but then, after being placed in a cell at Village Hall, suddenly recalled he did have some cash.



A velocipede

A performer with a velocipede came to the village for an exhibition at Town Hall. During the show, on the street outside, a man named Charles Merrick confronted a group of girls walking home from the Baptist Church. He pointed a pistol at the group and threw one girl to the ground. The pistol was taken from him by officers, who let him go home. When he was later located, he was declared insane and taken to Carmel by Sheriff Butler.

Two ships capsized on the river due to high winds. The stern of a schooner, the Crandell of New Jersey, was charred when the stove in the cabin tipped over before the water put out the flames. The Thomas Jefferson of Stamford lost the load of pig iron on her deck but the coal in her hold carried her down in deep water. The crew was saved and a "submarine diver" later lowered its sails.

Thomas Fitzpatrick, 24, who left in January for a job at a mine in Mexico, traveling by steamer to Galveston, by steamer and sail to Corpus Christi, by stage to Laredo along the Rio Grande and the final 250 miles on mule, was diagnosed with bilious fever on his arrival and died 51 days after he had left Cold Spring.

Col. Barney of Peekskill delivered his temperance poem, "The Social Drink — Its Cause and Cure," at Town Hall.

A prediction in Blake's *History of Putnam County* was fulfilled with the completion of

a home by Catharine Haight on the north-east corner of Main and Crown: "Nelsonville is only a continuation of Cold Spring, and is built on the reverse slope of the hill on which the former is located. There are a few rods of ground intervening, upon the top of the hill, but they will soon be covered with houses."

125 Years Ago (April 1894)

Charles Nixon resigned his position as clerk at Perry & Reilley grocers and will open a confectionary and ice cream saloon on Main Street near Market.

Contractor Fred Camp, of Cold Spring, installed a steam heater in the county poor-house in Carmel.

An unknown man "supposed to be a brick-yard laborer or tramp," was struck by the Empire Express near Breakneck and killed.

At the meeting of the Village Board, Colin Tolmie said that although he had been removed at the last meeting as clerk, the action was illegal and he was still clerk. After Trustee Mosher said he did not intend to take instruction from the ex-clerk, the trustees voted for a new one. But after seven ballots, it was still two votes for Tolmie and two for Irving McCoy. At the next meeting, after three more ballots, Joseph Barry was elected clerk.

John Henderson of Cold Spring, while visiting New York City, was knocked down by a man who took his watch and pocket-book, which contained \$12. The thief was detained by bystanders, but not wanting to remain all night in the city, Henderson said he would not prosecute if his property was



Dorothy Dalton in 1919

returned. The thief disappeared but when opening his pocketbook, Henderson found the cash was gone.

A couple of "gypsies" encamped at Sandy Land performed an impromptu show at Kemble and Main of acrobatic tumbling and lifting.

F.G. King of Garrison offered a reward for the return of his peacock, which strayed away from his residence.

Richard Belton, the road commissioner, hauled a large scraper over the Garrison

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roads to even out the ruts and rough places.

Someone poisoned six pugs within a week, including two valuable Chinese dogs owned by Mrs. Richard Condell.

Justice Nelson committed Mary Higgins, not yet 16, to the State Industrial School at Rochester on a complaint by her mother.

An item reported in an issue of the *Cold Spring Recorder* — that trustees of public schools by law must provide a U.S. flag to anyone who asks — was debunked in the following issue as fake news.

Officer McCaffrey arrested James Fitzpatrick for “wandering about the street and acting in a crazy manner,” according to the paper.

The state Legislature approved \$12,000 to build a road from the State Camp at Peekskill to the Highland Station. It will be cut into the mountain and pass over the tunnel at Anthony’s Nose.

The Village Board noted that under the poll tax law, each resident would be charged \$1 to vote in village elections.

100 Years Ago (April 1919)

The Hayes Construction Co. resumed work on the Storm King Highway along the Hudson opposite Cold Spring. The firm is blasting a “shelf” into the side of a cliff 400 feet above the river. When completed, the road will shorten the route from Albany to Weehawken by about 20 miles.

A “Welcome Home” sign was constructed on Depot Square to greet soldiers returning by train from the war in Europe, which ended the previous November.



The S.S. Cold Spring at the Newburgh shipyard

Photo courtesy Glenn Marshall

At the annual meeting of Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1, its secretary noted that the organization had answered 103 fire alarms since its founding in 1896, including a record nine in 1901.

The Board of Trustees asked the Army to release Dr. Ralph Hall, stationed at a military hospital in New York City, because the one remaining doctor in the village is “in danger of breaking down from overwork.”

The manager of the Newburgh Shipyards invited the village president and 30 other guests to the christening of the S.S. Cold Spring, a 9,000-ton ocean traveler. (The ship would sail until 1931, when it was scrapped.)

A body found floating in the river about 500 feet west of King’s Dock in Manitou was identified as Ackley Schyler of New York City, who apparently committed suicide by jumping off a steamer. A funeral was held at St. Mary’s and he was buried in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Two of the elderly executors of the estate of Julia Butterfield happened to die on the same day, leaving Albert Hagar as the sole executor. Hagar said he hoped that the legal disagreements over \$1 million left by Butterfield to the YMCA for soldiers and sailors could be settled to clear the way for the construction of a hospital and library in Cold Spring.

A helmet, gas-mask and knapsack used

by George Lusk of the 37th Engineers in the great conflict were on exhibit in the window of Dalzell’s drugstore.

Low on oil, a seaplane carrying the silent-film actress Dorothy Dalton from New York City to Albany made an emergency landing on the river near the Main Street dock. The plane had left Keyport, New Jersey, at 3 p.m. on its way to publicity events to sell war bonds.

75 Years Ago (April 1944)

Lt. Eric Purdon, of Garrison, took command of the newly completed PC-1264, a 173-foot submarine chaser and the second naval vessel to be manned by a predominantly black crew.

A Sunday evening show at the New Hudson Theatre was interrupted when someone yelled “Fire!” There was no fire, and the manager, Joseph Mirarola, thanked patrons for remaining calm.

At its monthly meeting, the vestry of St. Mary’s noted its annoyance at “the growing use of the church grounds as a thoroughfare for the public.”

Pvt. Mary Nolan, of Church Street, was awarded a Good Conduct ribbon after she reached one year of service on duty in North Africa as a supply clerk with the Women’s Army Corp.

John Hrusa attended a service at St. Mary’s Church. The Cold Spring native is recuperating at the Naval Hospital from severe burns he suffered while fighting a fire on his ammunition-laden ship, which eventually sank.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ahlers reopened their home for the summer at Little Brook Farm

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in Garrison. They wintered at the Van Rensselaer Hotel in New York.

50 Years Ago (April 1969)

The Hudson River Valley Commission denied an application to build an eight-building apartment complex on the river in Cold Spring. Its principal concern was that the 8.2-acre parcel was "best suited for open space or park purposes."

The Butterfield Library held its annual Laura Spencer Pope Shakespearean Celebration with a screening of a 50-minute color film, *The Life of Shakespeare*. Pope, who lived in Garrison, was a journalist, science-fiction writer and founder of the Shakespearean Foundation.

Joseph Schatzle, a Cold Spring native and former Haldane teacher, spoke at the Garrison Art Center on Pictures I've Taken and Photographs I've Enjoyed.

Haldane basketball star John Zuvic received an athletic scholarship from Siena College in Albany. He finished his three-year varsity career with 989 points and averaged 25 points per game as a senior.

25 Years Ago (April 1994)

Using a stopwatch as he drove, a reporter for *The Putnam County News & Recorder* offered a front-page "special report" on the amount of time he waited at the 39 stoplights on the 11.5-mile stretch between the Dutchess Mall and Poughkeepsie.

John Berntsen of Garrison, who was a junior at Bucknell, presented the results of

his study, "The Morphology and Sedimentology of Alluvial Fans and Debris Fans in the Valley and Ridge Province, Central Pennsylvania," at a regional meeting of the Geological Society of America in Binghamton.

The president of the Putnam County Historical Society reported that the state historical marker on Route 9D that indicated the location of Benedict Arnold's flight from the Beverly Robinson House in Garrison had been stolen.

A baby harbor seal was spotted near the Yacht Club at Garrison's Landing.

In Philipstown Little League action, Ed Duggan and A.G. Eisenhower teamed up to pitch an opening-day no-hitter.

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The HIGHLANDS

Current

7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

Saturday

55/39

Partly sunny, windy and cooler

POP: 25%

WNW 12-25 mph

RealFeel 51/37

Sunday

54/32

Mostly cloudy with a few showers in the afternoon

POP: 65%

W 4-8 mph

RealFeel 56/31

Monday

60/41

Periods of clouds and sunshine

POP: 10%

N 4-8 mph

RealFeel 66/40

Tuesday

59/47

Spotty showers in the morning; otherwise, cloudy

POP: 60%

S 4-8 mph

RealFeel 59/46

Wednesday

58/46

Times of clouds and sun with a shower possible

POP: 30%

NE 3-6 mph

RealFeel 64/46

Thursday

67/49

Cloudy with rain and drizzle possible

POP: 30%

SSW 4-8 mph

RealFeel 66/45

Friday

67/49

Cloudy with a shower possible

POP: 30%

W 6-12 mph

RealFeel 66/43

Pollen

High

Moderate

Low

Absent

Grass

Weeds

Trees

N.A.

Molds

Source: National Allergy Bureau

SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sat., 4/27

5:59 AM

Sunset Sat. night, 4/27

7:49 PM

Moonrise Sat., 4/27

2:42 AM

Moonset Sat., 4/27

12:41 PM

Last

New

First

Full

Apr 26

May 4

May 11

May 18

POP: Probability of Precipitation; The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature® is an exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highest and lowest values for each day.

CROSSCURRENT

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ACROSS

- Fellow
- “— Blue?”
- Barbershop item
- Mentor
- CD- —
- Sheltered, at sea
- Office machine
- Tarzan’s transport
- Scrooge’s outcry
- Hateful
- Future mare
- Met melody
- Sandwich cookie
- Site of many sites
- Swindle
- Paquin and Quindlen
- Id counterpart
- Gap
- Bartlett, for one
- Line of stitching
- Papa
- Triangular letters
- “— Town”
- Pelvic bones
- Lyon-based crimefighting group
- Expansive
- Old hand
- Norway’s capital
- Initial chip
- Author Umberto
- Spruce (up)

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DOWN

- Film high-tech tricks (Abbr.)
- Attila, for one
- Skill
- Colorado city
- St. Louis attraction
- Cattle call?
- Undying
- Ritzy spread
- Hodgepodge
- Server’s handout
- Honey bunch?
- Shaft of light
- Conks out
- Central points
- Press
- Fasting period
- Region of Vietnam
- Tending to spread
- Requirement
- “Zounds!”
- British conservative
- Neighborhood
- Subject of a will

- Buccaneer’s bird
- Payable
- Prima donna
- Verve
- Roster
- Sgt. Snorkel’s dog
- Asian electronics giant
- Omega preceder
- On in years
- Actress Myrna

SUDOCURRENT

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Answers for April 19 Puzzles

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6	5	8	1	3	7	2	4	9
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Answers will be published next week.
See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive versions.

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Santos Says ‘No-No’ to Red Devils

Haldane pitcher shuts down Peekskill

By Skip Pearlman

Haldane’s sophomore right-hander, Dan Santos, threw the first no-hitter of his career earlier this week in a complete-game shutout against Peekskill. In the win over the Red Devils on Tuesday (April 23), Santos dominated over seven hitless innings, striking out 11 batters and earning his first victory of the season. “Everything was going great for him,” said Manager Simon Dudar. “He was dialed in. He walked the first batter, then went 3-0 on the next one. Then he struck out the side. From there it was clear sailing. That’s definitely the best I’ve seen him pitch.”

Santos also went 2-for-4 at the plate. Matt Mikalsen went 2-for-4 with three stolen bases, Alden Dobosz was 2-for-4 with an RBI, John Bradley went 2-for-3 and Gianni Carone, Kyle Kisslinger and Adam Hotaling each drove in a run. “This was the first game where everything came together for us,” Dudar said. “We had good defense, good pitching and good hitting. We need more games with more of that.” On Wednesday (April 24), the Blue Devils dropped an 8-1 decision to league rival Pawling at Dutchess Stadium. Dobosz (1-2) took the loss for the Blue Devils, who are now 3-7. Hotaling doubled and drove in a run and Mikalsen went 2-for-3 at the plate. “Errors hurt us, and we need to score more than one run if we want to win games,” Dudar said. “We have been cutting down



Photo by S. Pearlman

Haldane sophomore Dan Santos threw a no-hitter against Peekskill.

on our strikeouts, and our hitting is getting better. We’re making small improvements.” The Blue Devils are scheduled to take on Putnam Valley today (April 26) at 7 p.m. at Dutchess Stadium, then travel to Spackenkill for a noon game on Saturday. Haldane returns to Dutchess Stadium on April 29 to face North Salem.

VARSITY SCOREBOARD

Track and Field

Haldane at NY Relays
Girls’ 800 meters
8. Ashley Haines (2:26.41)
Girls’ 3,000 meters
20. Shannon Ferri (11:40.10)
Boys’ 300 meters
18. Adam Silhavy (2:06.78)

Baseball

Valhalla 12, Haldane 0
Haldane 8, Peekskill 0
Pawling 8, Haldane 1
Arlington 7, Beacon 1

Yorktown 8, Beacon 1
Beacon 14, Peekskill 3
Boys’ Lacrosse
Pleasantville 16, Haldane 5
Haldane 16, Pawling 2
Girls’ Lacrosse
Pawling 12, Beacon 5
Eastchester 18, Beacon 9
Softball
Haldane 2, North Salem 0
Nyack 16, Beacon 5
Boys’ Tennis
Beacon 6, Lakeland 1
Beacon 6, Lakeland 1
Beacon 5, Lourdes 2



Photo by S. Pearlman

Beacon Girls Chasing First Win

Nilsen continues to lead lacrosse team

Beacon’s Grace Affeldt (20) grabs a loose ball off a draw and heads upfield against Eastchester.

By Skip Pearlman

The wins are not coming, but the Beacon High School girls’ lacrosse team continues to make progress, according to its coach. The Bulldogs played well at moments in an 18-9 loss to visiting Eastchester Wednesday (April 24) at Rombout Middle School. “Eastchester came out firing,” said Brian Lange, the coach. “They had four goals in the first minute-and-a-half. After that, I thought the girls did well bouncing back. We showed some mental toughness. That’s something we’ve been discussing and working on. We don’t have a junior varsity program, and we play a tough schedule against girls who can really play.” He added: “The girls are focused on the right things, and I think it’s showing. It

would’ve been easy to hang our heads down 4-0 early. That speaks a lot about the personality and character of this team. We’d like to have a couple wins under our belts [Beacon is 0-10], but we’re learning from these games.” Junior captain Tessa Nilsen had a big day for the Bulldogs, dropping six goals and adding an assist. Junior captain Grace Affeldt scored twice, and junior Victoria Albra had a goal and an assist. Keeper Skyler Kurtz made seven saves. “Tessa has been fantastic for us, she has stepped up as a leader on the field,” Lange said. “Lila Young, another captain, is also a great defensive leader, she sees the field well and verbalizes well. And Olivia Lynch has been showing improvement.” Beacon is scheduled to travel to Pawling on Monday, May 6.



SPLASHDOWN
— Gwendolyn Bounds of Garrison competed in a Spartan obstacle-course race, which included this leap into the abyss, on April 7 on a farm in Concord, North Carolina. She finished in 2:14:10.

Spartan photo